## STRIKE FOR FUNDS. Andacious Attempt to Contest Con gressman Jones's Seat.

CONTESTANT A WASHINGTON MAN.

He Has Not Lived in Virginia for Four Years-His Charges Vague In. the Extreme-Petersburg Cemetery

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20 .-Special.)-One of the first fruits of Reed's three-election-committee scheme is the audacious attempt of J. J. McDonnell, formerly of Northumberland county, Va., to enter a contest for the scat to which W. A. Jones was elected in the First whatever of getting the seat, as the time for notice of contest is long past, but he is encouraged to make the move to-day by the partisan exhibitions of the Republi-12,000 usually given defeated contestants for expenses. He has a clumsy petition. which, being irregular, because no previusly sneaked in by a Dr. Thomas, an member, who is no lawyer, and a poor politician, by means of a resolu-This, in general, charges fraud, irregularities, and violations of the ection laws in the First Virginia Diswithout specifying when or where

trict, without specifying when or where they took place. The resolution and petition, on metion of Mr. Crisp, were referred to the Committee on Elections.

McDonnell's petition charges, in the most vague way, that 4.312 votes cast for him were thrown out, and 1.690 cast for him were wrongfully counted for Jones, which, if properly counted, would have given him the district by 1.690 majority. It is the filmsiest pretext for a contest to get \$2.090 that has ever been seen in the House.

NOT A VIRGINIAN.

ginia Mr. Jones was elected by over 2,000 majority.

Mr. McKenney to-day introduced a bill appropriating \$20,000 to build a mandamized road from the corporate limits of the city of Priersburg to Poplar-Grove National Cemetery, in the county of Dinwiddle, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. McKenney will urge the passage of this bill, and he has every reason to believe that the Republican majority will favor it. The road is badly needed, and there has been complaint for many years on the part of resident citizens and visitors because of the had condition of the highway to the cemetery named.

PERSONAL.

who was a doorkeeper during the Futysecond and Fifty-third Congresses,
yesterday received
ton from the new Republican
Doorkeeper, informing him that his services would no longer be required, and as
this missive was handed to him by an
individual who had duly qualified as his
successor, he gracefully retired. Mr.
Mosley has been one of the most popular
employees of the House during the last
four years, and he returns home this
evening with the best wishes of his recent
official associates, and the hope that they
will meet again on the crest of a future
Democratic tidal-wave.
Representative Elett returned this
morning, and was in his seat during the
brief session of the House.
Congressman Swanson is also back from
the Barrett-Smith wedding, which he describes as a most charming and brilliant
social event.

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Mr. Barrett and his bride are now here, stopping at the Shoreham, where the former is receiving the congratulations of his numerous newspaper and other friends in this city.

Messrs. Tucker, Tyler, Otey, Turner, and Walker, of the Virginia delegation, have gone home for the holidays.

Besides Messrs. Swanson and Ellett. Messrs. Meredith, Jones, and McKenney were at their posts in the House to-day.

Major Jed. Hotchkiss, of Staunton, Va., is in the city, stopping at the Hotel Re-

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The hotel arrivals to-day include the following:
R. L. Pierce, H. Caldwell, Wytheville, Va.; H. E. Lipscomb, and wife, and P. Cooke, of Richmond; J. W. Jenkins, Wilmington, N. C., the Raleigh.
E. H. Hutchinson, Richmond; W. H. Hawkins, J. Fietcher, Virginia: M. S. Bowman, Pratts, Va.; John McGowan, Richmond, Howard House.
J. W. Grenier, Richmond; T. L. Dening and wife, Staunton; A. Q. Holiday, North Cardina; J. W. Walker, North Carolina; W. J. Young, Richmond, St. James, F. R. Stewart, Richmond, National, G. J. Hemp, Richmond; R. H. McGinnis, North Carolina, Metropolitan.

THE VENEZUELAN FEVER.

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The panicky condition of Wall street to-day had no effect in abating the burning fever here in favor of the support of the President and the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine on the American Continent, If anything this patriotic feeling was intensified, and, after a long dehate, even that cold and conservative body, the United States Senate, passed the House resolution authorizing the President to appoint a commission to report on the Venezuelan boundary-question, and appropriating \$100,000 to defray the expenses thereof.

This was a surprise, It was nearly 4:30 P. M. when the bill passed the Senate, and it was the opinion that when this action is communicated to the House, to-morrow both branches will adjourn for the holidays.

There was still another surprise in atore, however, when there appeared on the streets at a later hour extra newspapers containing a brief message from the President to Congress, urging, in view of the critical situation, and the decrease of the gold reserve, prompt financial legislation, and advising against a holiday recess under these serious conditions. The President advises as a cure for our recurring troubles a complete change in our financial system, pending

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Mr. Cleveland has caught the Republican majority in a tight place. Some financial relief must be immediately afforded, and as it can't be done by a rariff on imports, it must be done by an issue of low-rate bonds to preserve the integrity of the gold reserve.

A strange feature of the situation is that nobody actually believes that there will be war, and in all the speeches in the Senate this view was repeatedly and forcibly advanced. Nearly all the senators and statesmen believe that Great Britain and Venezuela will settle the boundary question themselves, and yet it has already cost this country millions. General Peyton Wise was here to-day on business at the Capitol, and returned home this evening.

Ex-Congressman Conally F. Trigg, of Abingden, Va., was here to-day, visiting old friends.

Mr. Holand, of Danville, was in the city on business to-day.

MATHIMONIAL.

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Yesterday afternoon Mr. James W. Andrews and his friend, H. D. Weatherford, of Crewe, Va., arrived here and registered at the Hotel Johnson. A short time afterward they were joined by Miss Sellie L. Tunstall, who registered from Manchester, Va. Mr. Andrews went at once to the District building and secured a marriage license. The trio then repaired to the residence of Dr. Johnson, pastor of the Metropolitan church, where the ceremony was performed. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and friend left on the evening train for Crewe.

PETERSBURG.

Indicted-Post-Office Furniture-Still

cial.)-As stated in this correspondence yesterday, the grand jury in the Hustings Court failed to find a true bill against Louis Oliver alias Patterson (colored) on the charge of being an ac (colored) on the charge of being an accomplice in the murder of Coleman
Toran, in which Richard Davis was the
principal. But to-day the grand jury
returned a true bill against Oliver on
an indictment sent in by the Commonwealth's Attorney, practically charging
murder in the second degree in aiding and
abetting the crime. NEW FURNITURE FOR THE POST-

A portion of the new furniture for the post-office was received this afternoon. It is understood that all of the old furniture, which has been in use for many years, will be supplanted by new and improved articles. The only thing then needed to put our post-office in first-class condition for work as well as for convenience will be the modest enlargement contemplated in the bill recently offered in the House of Representatives by Congressman W. R. McKenney.

Nothing has yet been heard by the nembers of his family of Mr. Abraham Nothing has yet been heard by the members of his family of Mr. Abraham Simmons, the aged citizen, who for the past ten days has been mysterious by being missed from his home, on Farmer street, in the western portion of the city. It is believed that he may yet be found alive in Richmond, Norfolk, or someother adjacent town, whither he went in search of employment. He had but little money with him when he left home, and nobody seems to know anything about the direction he took.

Miss Nora Winfree, a well-known and much-admired lady, die 1 at the Home for the Sick yesterday, whither she had gone for treatment.

Two representatives of the Treasury Department are in the city looking after the proper establishment of the three new bonded manufacturing warehouses to be put in operation here on the ist of January.

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The police had some lively times last night chasing sneak-thieves, who had committed robberies on unsuspecting countrymen. One negro, William Hunter, who had stolen a whole basket of beef, was captured with his booty, and another, who had appropriated several dressed turkeys, was also caught.

The weather has been so mild this week that thousands of country people have been able to visit the city to make their Christmas purchases, and trade in consequence, has been very brisk.

It is yet hoped that Rev. H. M. Hope, of Richmond, will consent to accept the position of general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in this city. The Association Board has not yet acted in the matter of the final calling of a secretary.

a secretary.

The Salvation Army in this city is making preparations to give a fine Christmas dinner to some two hundred or more of the very poor people of Petersburg.

CULPEPER, VA., December 20.—(Special.)—Cedar-Grove church was the scene Wednesday afternoon of the most attractive social event that has occurred in that section this season. The occasion was the marriage of Miss Annie B. Colvin, daughter of Mr. W. D. Colvin, to Mr. T. Richard Bywaters, of Rappanencek county.

WED AT ROANOKE RAPIDS.

The Groom Formerly a Resident

WELDON, N. C., December 20.—(Special.)—Mr. John H. Smith, late of Richmond, Va., was married yesterday, his bride being Miss Ada C. Fitzgeraid, formerly of Chesterfield county, Va.

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The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's father, Captain J. B.
Fitzgerald, at Roanoke Rapids, and was most impressively performed by Rev. J.
R. Tillery, pastor of the Methodist church at that place.

The newly-wedded pair left soon after the ceremony for Richmond, where they have many relatives and friends. They will also visit the former home of the bride, in Chesterfield county.

The bride is a very beautiful and accomplished young lady, and the groom is a popular young man. They will make their home at Roanoke Rapids.

For Increase of Tin-Plate Tariff. ELWOOD, IND., December 20.—It is reported here that there has been a joining together of the forces of the Amaigamated Association of Iron- and Steel-Workers and the tin-plate manufacturers to secure an increase to 2 cents of the tariff on tin-plate, and if this increase is obtained, it is understood that there is to be an advance of 15 per cent in wages, thus restoring the scale of 1892, and enabling the plants to run full time.

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advertise is borne out to the letter. They know that

they will find these Suits just as we advertised them.

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## THE PEOPLE LIKE IT. General Approval of the Plan for the C. & O.'s Improvements.

CHANGE OF FREE-BRIDGE GRADE.

The Scheme Laid Before the Com

The good news of the splendid progress ade by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company in preparing for the erec tion of a splendid Main-street depot and other extensive improvements for the convergence of its lines in this city, full of which were printed in yesterday's Dispatch, was received with pronounced pleasure and approval by all classes of citizens. Aside from the talk about the probability of a war between the United States and England, the proposed improvements constituted the most important topic of discussion upon the On all sides the public-spirit of the management of the Chesapeake and Ohio and their friendly feeling toward Richmond were remarked upon, and had President been in the city he would probably have received an avation. The esident officers were heartily congratu

SUITABLE AND APPROPRIATE. every one as most suitable and appropriate. In Council circles the scheme seems to have been received with much enthusiasm. All the members, or nearly all of them, who have been heard to express themselves in the matter, are of the opinion that the successful execution of the plans as presented to the Common Council at its special session on Thursday night means great benefit to the city of Richmond and the adjacent community.

As stated in yesterday's Dispatch, the ordinance submitted to the Council was referred to the Committee on Streets, and it is the Intention of that body to commence the consideration of its details and the voluminous plans accompanying it just as soon as possible. It was desirable that the committee should begin this work before the holidays are over, and it is not unlikely that the matter will be taken up at the next regular meeting, which will be on the 2sth instant. But for the intervening of Christmas Chairman Allen woold probably have called the committee together to take up the question.

before Bridge Commissioners.

Mr. Decatur Axtell, the second vice-president of the company, appeared before the James-River Bridge commissioners yesterday, and laid before them copies of the ordinance and drawings in connection with the vast work in contemplation. He explained the details of the changes proposed to be made in the grade of the Free bridge, and, after a brief informal taik over the matter, the commissioners referred the subject to a special committee. The members of the commission were favorably impressed with the plans.

Application will be made to the Henrico supervisors within the next few days for such privileges in the county as are necessary to enable the company to carry out its plans as to yard and trackage arrangements. In carrying out its mammoth undertaking the railway company proposes to transfer its present round-house to the yards to be established near the Orleans-Street Station, and thus increase its track space near the shops. The Second-Street shops will also be consolidated with the larger ones, and that site be used for some other purpose.

ANENT THE LUNENBURG CASE. The Prisoners Will Hardly Be Moved Until Next Year.

The Lunenburg prisoners - Solomon Marable, Mary Abernathy, and Pokey Barnes-are still in the hands of the Supreme Court, though it is possible that they will be turned over to the Lunenburg court early next week.

Mr. George K. Taylor, Clerk of the

Mr. George K. Taylor, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals, said to a Dispatch man yesterday that he had not yet certified the case to the lower court, but expected to do so within the next few days.

While this official certification will give Judge Orgain jurisdiction over the pris-oners, it does not follow that he will order them to Lunenburg yet. Indeed it order them to Lunenburg yet. Indeed it is more than probable that he will take no official action until his court assembles for the January term, on the 13th of next month.

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The Governor will hardly send troops with them, unless the Sheriff of Lunenburg requests them, or the Legislature amends the statute bearing on the subject, so as to give him the power to order out troops without any request therefor. The Senate Committee for Courts of Justice met yesterday to consider the recommendations embodied in the Governor's message with reference to the case. Senator Turnbull, of Lunenburg, appeared before the committee, and stated that he thought the people of his county should be allowed to vindicate themselves, and that no military should accompany the prisoners when they were returned to Lunenburg. The committee decided that they thought it unwise and inexpedient to enact any legislation to grant additional powers to the Executive in regard to calling out the troops of the State.

NEW MATERIAL FOR PAVING. It Is Composed of Marsh Grass and

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By special permission, Messrs, Warner Moore & Co. last night laid a piece of new paving on the roadbed of Cary street, just at its intersection with Thirteenth. The o'd granite spails were taken out for a space of 14x24 feet, and in their stead the other paving was put down as an experiment.

The substance used in this paving is a composition of marsh grass and oils and pitch, which are subjected to very heavy pressure and bound with wire. The thickness of the bales is about 5 1-2 inches, and they form a sort of cushion for the feet of horses and mules, keeping them from slipping on an up or down grade, and at the same time affording a smooth surface for vehicles. The cost of the paving, while not definitely known as yet, will be about \$2 per square yard. The granite spalls now in use on the streets whereon there is heavy traffic cost \$8 cents to 51 per square yard, while the vitrified brick pavements cost in the neighborhood of \$2.25 a yard.

This material for roadbeds is manufactured at Norfolk, around which city there are thousands of acres of the marsh grass, and while it is only an experiment as yet, it has been in successed and place of the paying. Other paying, and Philadelphia, Pa., for two or three years.

Christmas-Week Play-Bill
Robert Mantell, the celebrated romantic actor, will be the attraction at the Mozart Academy of Music on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings next, with a special matinee Wednesday (Christmas-Day), presenting three of the strongest plays out of his extensive repertoire. On Monday night he gives Espy Williams's powerful drama, entitled, "The Husband," which had initial production in America during Mr. Mantell's last engagement in this city, since which time it as been rewritten-more powerful situations and elimaxes have been added. On Tuesday night and at the matinee Wednesday that he util's olay "Monbars." will be "ab li, and Christmas night the old favorite, "The Corsican Brothers. Seats will be on sale to-day.

WANT TO GO TO CONGRESS. Sepators Jones. Echols, and Flood

Will Be Candidates. The contest for the Democratic nomina-tion for Congress in the Tenth District politician from the eastern portion of the district a few days ago the Dispatch reporter learned that Hon. C. P. Jones, of Highland; Hon. Edward Echols, of Au-gusta, and Hon. H. D. Flood, of Appomat-tox, would be candidates, as well as the present incumbent, Hon. H. St. George Tucker.

Tucker.

The gentleman from whom this information was gathered has been in Richmond a good deal since the assembling of the Legislature, and is doubtless posted. He said the long and able service of Senators Jones and Echols in the Legislature had made for them friends all over the district, and that they were deservedly popular at home.

made for them themselves and that they were deservedly popular at home.

"My section," said he, "favors the nomination of Senator Flood, and I doubt not that Mr. Flood's service to the party and his recognized ability gives him strength all over the district. He was a candidate for the nomination against Mr. Tucker two years ago, and had he succeeded in carrying Amherst county he would probably have defeated Mr. Tucker. In this county the delegates were elected by a large mass-meeting. It was the largest ever held in the county, about eight hundred people being present. Mr. Tucker's majority was between 20 and 30. Mr. Flood's forces in Amherst were led by Mr. J. L. Lee and Delegate Beverly R. Harrison. After he lost Amherst Mr. Flood withdrew from the contest for the nomination, and after the nomination of Mr. Tucker canvassed the whole district for him."

MR. PACE'S BANK STOCK.

A Conditional Purchase to Restore Him to the Presidency. some days there has been much

For some days there has been much talk in certain quarters about the formation of a syndicate for the purpose of taking Mr. James B. Pace's assigned property out of the hands of the court, and so holding and managing it as to cause no undue loss to that gentleman by reason of the present depressed condi-

To a certain extept this plan has materialized. A number of wealthy friends of Mr. Pace have consolidated, and, it is said, acquired such of his bank stock as could be gotten. It will be remembered that Mr. Pace had about 2,200 of the 3,000 shares of stock in the Planters' National Bank. A large proportion of this was hypothecated in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York. It is reported that something like \$250,000 of this stock has been acquired, the object being, it is something fike \$20,000 of this stock has been acquired, the object being, it is understood, to restore to Mr. Pace, as soon as his health shall have been fully regained, the presidency of the Planters'

Bank.

It is supposed that this transaction is the one which the Judge of the Law and Equity Court is asked in the petition of Messrs. Scott & Stringfellow not to con-Messrs. Scott & Stringtellow not to com-firm. The gentlemen interested in this movement have kept their plans and operations wonderfully quiet, as all of Mr Pace's friends manifest great reticence in discussing the matter. It is thought however, that Major Lewis Ginter is among those who have come to Mr. Pace's aid in this respect.

Col. Geny Remains Commandant-

Business of the Session. weekly meeting of Lee Camp night was largely attended, and the pro-ceedings were full of interest. A letter was received from Linn B. Glass, of

Company D. Forty-fourth 'righta' Cantry, General Edward Johnston's Division.

A letter was received from Mrs. N. B. Dillard, informing the camp that she was the authorized agent for the Veteran, published at Nashville, Tenn.

A resolution was unanimously adopted inviting George E. Piokett Camp, Confederate Veterans, to unite with Lee Camp in their services at Union-Station Methodist church op Sunday, January 19th, in honor of General R. E. Lee's birthday.

The following officers were elected for 1886: Commander, January 19th, in honor of General R. E. Lee's birthday.

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Plans for the Auditorium. The sub-committee on the plans for the erection of a Confederate auditorium met in the office of Colonel Cutshaw. City Engineer, at 1 P. M. yesterday. There were present Judge George L. Christian (chairman), Colonel Murphy, and Colonel R. N. Nerther.

A very creditable performance of Gilbert & Sulivan's pretty opera was given at the Academy last night by colored people for the benefit of the colored ward of the Virginia Hoepital. The audience was a fairly large one, and was quick to appreciate the praiseworthy work of the principals in the cast. The costumes were bright and attractive, and the opera was given with a careful attention to details, and the keenest appreciation of its many whimsicalities. The chorus was large and well trained. The box-office receipts amounted to \$149.25.

Edwin Bray, a farmer, who lives in Brookiand District, received a painful injury to his right leg by the kick of a mule yesterday morning. Bray came to town with a lot of vegetables, and while driving up Eighteenth street his mule lost a shoe. The farmer got out of his eart to examine the mule's hoof, when the animal kicked him. No bones were broken, and though his injury was painful the way and though his injury was painful.

Condition of the Sick tremis.

Latest advices from Westover are en-couraging as to the condition of Major A. H. Drewry, and hopes of his recovery are now entertained.

Beaten with a Billiard-Cue Allen Mosby and Samuel Johnson (colored) became engaged in a difficulty yeaterday in Cornosi's bar-room, in the Third District, and the former attacked Johnson with a billiard-cue, and best bim severely. He was arrested and locked up for felonious assault.

LOVE'S RUGGED WAY Bicycles Also Figure in the Troubles

of Sweenearts. THE BILL GOSSETTE SIDING.

New Station on the Southern Railway-Conductor Rudd Pokes Fun at Ticket-Agent Verser-Bashful

How well do I remember the days ed around me like office-seekers after the State Solons, and my neart went out to every pretty girl I met like the line of a life-saving crew to a distressed ship.
As I look back into the caverus of time now my soul sweds up like a toy balloor with genuine A No. 1 sympathy for the fellow whose road with his sweetneart is as rough as a Midio nian per-My poor beart-broken brother, I have

been ad along there, but keep a brave ecuntenance, even if that part of your anatomy which is hidden under your crimson plaid four-in-hand is as unsteady as the visiting student on Thanksgiving-Day; for, remember that Major Ginter is partial to old bachelors. It is passing strange how quickly in this precarious life of ours the scene changes, and with what rapidity the average young woman things our own way, and to-night another occupies your part of the settee built for two. To-day we feast upon contenment and sweet smiles, and to-morrow we dine at a free-lunch counter, with a heart as heavy as a club man's

mention, on account of his give, to whole ups and downs in his love affairs are only equalled by the daily life of the City Hall elevator man. Of course he has a rival (you always do when it's a pretty girl); but my friend could usually set the other fellow out, as he called on horseback, while his rival had to go home on the trolley-car. The other fellow very naturally didn't like this, so he got a bicycle, and then it was horse against the steed of steel. Then the weather got cold, and the horse suffered while the bicycle did not, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals took a look at the situation, and my friend was told that he must not keep his horse out so late. He got sick. Then he caught an idea, bought a bicycle, and said, "I guess my wheel can stand as much cold as yours," and thus the situation is at present. He is game, however, and a stayer in every sense of the word. He had an engagement to

Honors seem to shower upon me with the ease which it can rain on St. Patrick's-Day, and though my banglets are not long, and can't stand alone, yet I get the plaudits and praise of my friends and neighbors. A few months ago an "ardent admirer." living in Caroline county, christened a dear little cherub of a baby Willheimina Gossettens. Of course, I appreciated the distinctive honor, and at once mailed a ninety-days' note for \$1.25 to the fond parent, and a rattle for little W. G. Now, the Southern railway comes to the front, and places a dahlia in my wreath of glory. The great rai way system has named a station in honor of your humble hireling, and no doubt the road will soon be famous.

will soon be famous.

My friend, Colonel Baldwin, telegraphed me to know if he could have the honor of naming the station next to Midlothian Bill Gossette Siding, and said that General-Manager Green was very anxious to have me give my consent. I consented to consent, and now every morning and evening the sonorous, meiodious voice of Captain Dud'ey Rudd can be heard for come up and spend a few weeks with me. Of course, I enjoy this, and furnish them with gun, ammunition, a hunting-suit, horse and buggy, tobacco, and a hired boy, and they have a much to

time.

A joke has just leaked out or boiled over or squeezed through, or something, on Ticket-Agent Verser, who dispenses the little pieces of pasteboard in the house at the foot of Virginia street, sometimes called a depot, in connection with the new station. A friend called at the ticket-office, and asked for a ticket to Bill Gossette Siding. Mr. Verser didn't remember the place, but, nothing daunted, grabbed up a lot of rate-sheets and began looking for the place. After a search of fifteen minutes through a great bulk of passenger-rates be raised up, and as he brushed the dirt from his hands, eaid: "Beg pardon, sir; but where did you say you wanted to go?" The passenger told him the second time, and another search was made for the place. About this time Captain Rudd came into the office, and as Ticket-Agent Verser mopped the perspiration from his brow, he whispered "Dudley, where is Bill Gossette Siding" "Great Scott, Verser; where have you been at? Why don't you read the papers sometimes? B. G. Siding is the first stop south of Midothian."

As the greatest of all holidays draws near we are reminded that there are little stockings at home to fill, and we are also forced to remember that another year has gone to join its myriad of brethren in the dark coverns of the past. While the chronological mill has ground another notch in the sad recesses of time we should feel very grateful to know that we are still at the old stand, ready to receive any tokens of appreciation from a loving and thankful public. Anniversaries are not always pleasant occasions. They invariably remind you that another year has gone, and when you size it up you find that you are a little worse off, perhaps, than you were last year. And then birthdays come every few minutes, and the Fourth of July, and Thanksgiving, and elections, and bills until a fellow wonders why on earth Old Man Time can't keep himself straight, instead of flopping around in a circle, bringing up these reminders. I have only one request to make of the many friends who intend to remember me, and that is, don't send a necktle. I have very little need for such appendages in the country, and the supply from last Christmas is by no means exhausted. Speaking about presents: It's a beautiful sight to witness the little ones on Christmas morning unloading the habiliments of their lower extremities and comparing the pretty things old Chris has left, and it really makes my old heart swell up like the balloon of the little boy, and we re carried back to the days when we were tots and enjoyed similar pleasures. And then we feel sorry for men like R. C. Broaddus, Dr. Jud. Wood. Mr. Ben. Palmer, Basil Winfree and others, who have to content themselves with giving a their neighbors' children. The ason to remember the old proverb that it is more blessed to give than in eive; but it greeves me to record the fact that few there are who seem villing to experience this particular sensation.

BILL GOSSETTE.

The Rescuing of the Cat. (New York Times.)

At that time of night—I o'clock—the streets in a remote quarter of far-distant Brookyn were almost deserted. Suddenly the silence was broken by a pitcous wall. It was so heart-breaking that a man walking past stopped. He

had a tin luncheon-patt in his hand. He was a laborer, either going home after a night's shift, or about resuming his job.

"Tlan't a child but it's mighty distressin', anyways." said the man, and he listened. Then another man, who had been lounging againet a tree-box, said:

"What is it?" asked the workingman.
"I hearn it across the street, and it fetched me up." replied the lounger. "Tidn't know 'xactly what it mought be. Sometimes I fancies I hears strange noises, not actooal noise, see? Reg'iug soul-creepin' sounds, kind of unearthly. They gives me the shivers. Ough!"

The possibilities of the lounger shivering of a cold night from actual causes were good, because he were threathare and tattered summer-clotling. He ought, however, to have equalized his personal temperature, because his face looked hot, his nose being of flery redness.

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"It sounds like—like a cat," said the workingman, hesitatingly.
"Carl Bully for you. That's what it is. It's a great satisfaction for a feller to know percisely what he does near and what he don't. Sabe?"
"It's a cat," said the workingman, now contract." "She must have tumbled down.

what he don't. Sabe?"

"It's a cat," said the workingman, now positively. "She must have tumbled down into a sewer. It sounds as if it were under ground."

The two men crossed Fulton street and, led by the cries, reached the corner of Troy avenue and Herkimer streets, where they stopped. There was a sewer there. The lounger got down on his knees in the gutter and peered into the dark opening of the sewer. The presence of some one seemed to excite the cat, for a cat it was. The poor creature sent forth now her entire repertoire of anguish, her pitful beseechings for rescue. The lounger removed from his head a limp and shapeless felt hat, next scratched his head, as if immersed in thought, and said:

"Wonder it misk wouldn't reten her;
put heart into her? Cats takes to misk
as does humans to rum." Evidently, the
lounger was philosophizing. "Cats and
men," he continued, "has strange natures." Then he added, reflectively: "I
remember my mammy's cat. Turtle-shell
variety, wid sour-apple green eyes. Just
the nicest cat as ever was and wurst. the incest cat as ever was; and winst, when I was a-foolin' wid her, she scratched me from me shoulder to me wrist. I wasn't much bigger than a kitty myseif. Dem was happy times. See here, mister, that thar cat down thar

has got to be saved. See?"
"Yes; that's all well enough; but how?
I can't fool here long with a cat. My
work in a-waltin' for me," said the other. some party. They had on white ties and standing-collars. The two young men had a very much used-up and languid manner. They probably had been up late for many successive nights in the year. The lounger's oratory seemed to amuse them. They took in the situation at once. They peeled off their kid gloves, folded them up neatly, and stowed them away carefully in their overcoat pockets. It was perhaps a preparation for action. The cat kept on with her heart-rending yowling. The young fellows started down the sewer.

"Says I, gentlemen, that there cat has Says I, gentlemen, that there cat has

got to be saved, by ——!" It is not ne-dessary to be precise as to the way the lounger rounded up the major part of his "Of course, of course!" said the two

of them. "There is the grating, and we must lift that up, so that the cat can find an exit. Suppose we were to try and lift that grating?"
"That seems sensible," said the work-

ngman, putting down his dinner-pail

Then the four lugged at the grating. It was either rusty or had been jammed, and would not budge.

"Heave, ho! my hearties," cried the lounger, at the top of his voice. "Altogether, now. Bust her open, my beauties."

"See, here, you, over there; what are you givin' us, bothering' with that sewer? Come out of that, and quick." It was the gruff voice of a sergeant-of-police on his rounds.

"It's a car, officer; a cat down "Oh, a cat! Sure, it's a cat?" inquired the officer. Then the policeman took in the situation at a glance. He caught hold of the grating, and now there were five men at work, trying to save one poor cat. Still the grating did not budge. The cat, excited by the hubbub, was crying now more bitterly than ever.

The policeman, in consideration of his municipal authority, without any dissent on the part of his aids, now assumed entire command of the rescuing squad. But

on the part of his aids, now assumed en-tire command of the rescuing squad. But the grating hung fast, Then the police-man rapped with his club, and, in a trice, there came hurrying up two more po-learner, arriving from opposite directions. The seven lugged and strained, and, at last, up came the grating. The lounger was on his knees in the street

again.
"I sees her, by the light of her eyes, a-paddling around, a-swimmin' for dear life, but she's full ten feet down," said the lounger, now flat on his stomach in the street. Then one of the young men who had a domelike head, with hair neally parted on it, had a luminous thought.

The clothes-pole idea was received with favor by the crowd, for now there were at least twenty persons around the sewer. It was beautiful to see the sudden alactity on the part of the dandy young fellow. He disappeared on a full run. In five minutes he was back, sprinting along, with a 15-foot clothes pole on his shoulder.

shoulder.

"That's him!" cried the admiring crowd.
A policeman took the clothes pole and angled for the cat.

"A bit of fish on that pole might tole her," said some jocular person, which aggestion was not well received.

"Shut up, Smarty!" howled the crowd, discussed.

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"Now she's a-coming said the lounger, and the crowd cheered. "Now she's broke her holt," said the lounger, and the lookers-on were apparently distressed. It was evident that the cac's power of clutch would not be available.
"Sumfin's got to be done," cried the lounger, excitedly; "an' that putty durn quick." Then he turned to the crowd: "Boys, what's this yere I seed at a show wunst?" Then the speaker paused, shut his eyes as if recalling some incident in the long past. "She was a besutiful

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young woman-in a nightgown-and he hair streamin' down her back-and swimmin' for dear life; and the biller a-boomin', and she a shriekin', 'Save me Save me' an' you could have heard pin drop in the theatur. And what doe the man do as was in love wid herf it comes a teetering along a fallen tre that hangs over the yawnin' guif, an wid him was his trusty friends-ever man jack of 'em with a baskit-hilts sword and a brace of revolvers roun his waist. They twigs the sitivation-'twas a desprui act.'

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'twas a desprut act."

What the lounger meant, it must confessed, was enigmatical. Then turned to the policemen: "See here, it policemen, mebbe you knows me, a mebbe you don't. It isn't 'xactly ifea, but I seed it work as fust-rate. Each one of you takes boilt of one of my segs a lets me down by the shins, head fo most, into that there sewer. Suppose yold drap me-what's the odds? Soil it

hear me shoutin?"
"Well, my man, if you will risk it, said one of the policemen, "we will try it Hold your breath a bit when you so down, for a sewer is none too wholesom. The gas is polson. Just you bawl out you can't stand it, and we'll yank you." up."
Then, shaking off the remnants of sho

ankles.
"Now, lower away," said the lounger.

"Now, lower away," said the lounger, as he explored the sewer, head down, and you might hear him from underground saying: "Here, pussy-puss; nice little pussy." Then it was, "Grab her the first pop, be-gosh. Cheerily, now; man the capstan; haul away, laddies," and a moment afterward the lounger emerged, dripping wet, with the cat in his arms. "Three cheers for this here man," cried the workman, swinging aloft his dinner pail, as the lounger regained his feet, an now three ringing cheers were given. The lounger touched the brim of his limphat gracefully, bowed his acknowledgments, and for an instant that wearings of feature common to bummers was lost. As he stood dripping from his fette bath each one of the two dandy fellow put a dollar bill in the lounger's dirighand.
"You are wet through," said one of the

nand.
"You are wet through," said one of the young fellows. "Now go get a drink—only one, mind you, not more—and a night lodging, for see here, you have behave splendidly."

other. In a twinkling the crowd had dispersed. Who was the lounger can never be known, He did not leave his card. But the names of the Brooklyn policemen which took so much trouble to save a poor can be given. They were Sergennt Roger and Officers Steers and Conner. Thouse not members of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, these mare to be cited for their active humanity. There is a sequel to this cat incident Such was the precipitancy of the young man, who sought for a clothes-pole in his father's mansion, that he left wide oper the front and the back door. An aunt it the house, hearing a stampede in the habelow, was awakened, and, becoming alarmed, roused the master. declaring she had seen a "huge and burly rufflatearing through the house." The elderly male, catching on to the panic, gripped all unloaded revolver, and rushed down states and burly rufflatearing through the house. The elderly male, catching on to the panic, gripped all unloaded revolver, and rushed down states and burly rufflatearing through the house. The elderly male, catching on to the panic, gripped all unloaded revolver, and rushed down states and house the description of the panic, and had been and a become upset in the hall rather confirmed the story of burglars. Then the police were not the house.

One of the men, with a detective turn of mind, asked some leading questions then gave about the description of a young man who had been in search of clothes-pole, and this description, with the sudden appearance and disappearance of the burglar, tallied so closely with the sudden appearance and disappearance of the startled family that all fears were dismissed, and so the cat rescue had its amusing conclusion.

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